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SUBJECT: FM WIRAJUDA STILL RELUCTANT ON KOSOVO FINAL STATUS

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires John A. Heffern, Reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

11. (C) Summary: In a meeting with A/S Christopher Hill on May 29, FM Wirajuda expressed continued reluctance to move forward on a Kosovo final status resolution, suggesting instead that the issue be linked to a timetable for eventual Serbian accession to the EU. On Iran, Wirajuda welcomed the recent announcement of direct U.S.-Iran talks and suggested that they be expanded to include issues other than Iraq. A/S Hill briefed Wirajuda on the status of the six-party talks and also raised the Hariri tribunal, but Wirajuda did not comment substantively on this issue. End Summary

Kosovo Final Status

12. (C) Wirajuda showed continued reluctance to seek a resolution at this time. He stated that he had met with various parties on the issue, including Secretary Rice, UNSYG Ban and Javier Solana. He agreed with A/S Hill that Kosovo constituted a "special case" that would not set a precedent for future issues. However, he stressed Indonesia's sensitivity to the issue of sovereignty and territorial integrity and described Russia's recent veto threat as necessitating postponing discussion of the issue. Wirajuda suggested that Indonesia's sensitivity might be lower if the EU established a timetable whereby consideration of Kosovo's final status would be linked to the accession of Serbia to EU membership.

Iran

¶3. (C) On Iran, Wirajuda defended GOI's favorable vote on the recent UNSCR as "a matter of principle" and stated that Iran needs to comply with the international agreements to which it is a party. He also indicated that the GOI is prepared to defend its decision before the legislature (DPR) in the upcoming interpellation hearings. Wirajuda welcomed the beginning of US talks with Iran and Syria, and suggested that the talks should encompass other issues besides Iraq. He mentioned the upcoming IAEA report and asked A/S Hill what our next step would be. A/S Hill responded that he expected El-Baradei's report on Iran to be largely negative, in which case the US would be looking towards further sanctions.

Other Issues

14. (C) At Wirajuda's request, A/S Hill provided a briefing on the six-party talks. A/S Hill raised the question of the Hariri tribunal, but Wirajuda provided no substantive reply. He also mentioned the importance of obtaining a price for the

land upon which the Embassy currently sits in order to permit the construction of a new facility. Wirajuda responded that members of the DPR remained sensitive to the issue of land acquisition in central Jakarta.

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